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SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE - PISTOL SALE TO LEBANESE AGENT

1. DEPARTMENT WILL HAVE NOTED JULY 27 LONDON SUNDAY TIMES ARTICLE BY NEW YORK CORRESPONDENT PETER PRINGLE ALLEGING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT QUOTE ALTHOUGH MR. SOGHANALIAN IS A COLT AGENT, IT WAS APPARENTLY THE U.S. EMBASSY IN BEIRUT THAT SUGGESTED TO HIM THAT HE SHOULD HOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE IN BEIRUT ON FRIDAY (JULY 25) TO EXPLAIN HIS POSITION UNQUOTE.

2. PORTIONS OF ABOVE ARTICLE, INCLUDING ABOVE ALLEGATION, REPRINTED IN PRO-LIBYAN "AS-SAFIR" TODAY.

3. IN RESPONSE TO INQUIRIES, MISSION PLANS TO STATE THAT IT AT NO TIME SUGGESTED TO MR. SOGHANALIAN THAT HE HOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE TO EXPLAIN HIS POSITION.
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